

27 MAY 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable William P. Clark
Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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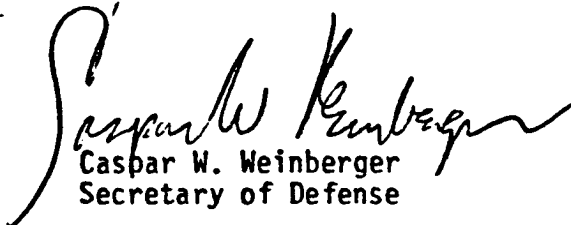
1. Attached is the study report concerning the DoD and DCI roles and responsibilities for space reconnaissance as requested by the President [REDACTED]. The principal issues concerning the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) and the National Reconnaissance Program (NRP) were examined in relation to the proper balance of responsibilities and organizational relationships between the SecDef and DCI. Our study reaffirmed the effectiveness of the current arrangement and we find no significant reason or clear advantage to changing the alignment or the organization of the NRO or the NRP. Twenty-plus years of operation under numerous Secretaries of Defense and Directors of Central Intelligence have demonstrated that the structure provides a working arrangement that is effective, flexible and responsive. We believe that the dual organizational alignment with its shared authority and responsibility is needed, and that the present balance is close to the best that can be expected or devised. The present structure works well and it would be risky to disturb it without some compelling reason. [REDACTED]

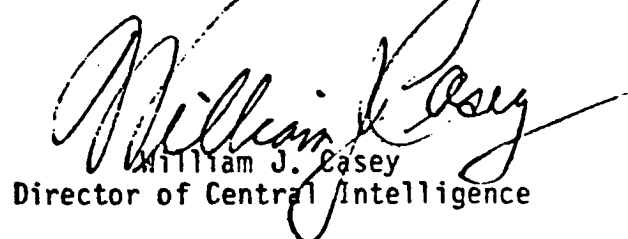
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2. We recognize the critical nature of this unique organization and we are committed to the goal of maintaining its effective management. [REDACTED]

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Caspar W. Weinberger
Secretary of Defense


William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

Attachment:

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